

A request for a one month extension of time to and including February 7, 2003, is enclosed. Also enclosed is a first check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the extension fee, and a second check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the Request For Continued Examination Fee.

AMENDMENT

Please add new claims ~~48-55~~ as follows:

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*52* ~~48~~. A facsimile transmitting/receiving system comprising a standard facsimile machine and a computer based system in communication with said standard facsimile machine, the system comprising:

an interface positioned intermediately of and in communication with both said facsimile machine and said computer based system;

a line for receiving and sending facsimile signals in communication with said interface for selectively communicating directly with said facsimile machine and said computer;

means for converting encoded documents to formats compatible with computer supported systems and with said facsimile machine;

wherein said means is further adapted for converting facsimile signals to a format for transmission over distributive communication networks and for

converting network transmitted signals in a format for transmission over a facsimile transmission line; and

wherein said interface further comprises one or more switches for selectively controlling electronic communication between (1) said line and said computer based system and (2) said line and said facsimile machine.

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~~49.~~ The facsimile system of claim ~~48~~<sup>52</sup>, wherein said interface further comprises a first switch operable between an open position and a closed position, wherein said first switch in said closed position allows direct communication between said line and said computer based system.

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~~50.~~ The facsimile system of claim ~~49~~<sup>53</sup>, wherein said first switch in said open position prevents communication between said line and said computer based system.

<sup>55</sup>  
~~51.~~ The facsimile system of claim ~~50~~<sup>53</sup>, wherein said interface further comprises a second switch operable between an open position and a closed position, wherein said second switch in said closed position allows direct communication between said line and said facsimile machine.

<sup>56</sup>  
~~52.~~ The facsimile system of claim ~~51~~<sup>55</sup>, wherein said second switch in said open position prevents communication between said line and said computer based system.